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(Continuation-In-Part - Joint Inventor - No Priority Claimed)**

As below named inventors, we hereby declare: that our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated near our names below; that we believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter of which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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which is described and claimed in the attached specification and amended by an amendment thereto submitted therewith (if any); that we have reviewed and understand the contents of this specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in our prior copending application Serial No. 09/814,016, filed March 21, 2001.

We hereby further declare: that as to the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application which is common to said prior application, we do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication, in any country before our invention thereof for more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve (12) months prior to this application; that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representatives or assigns except as follows: NONE.

Further, we hereby declare: that as to the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application which is not common to said prior application, we do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication, in any country before our invention thereof for more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve (12) months prior to this application; that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representatives or assigns except as follows: NONE.


We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of said prior application and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in said prior application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of said prior application and the filing date of this application.

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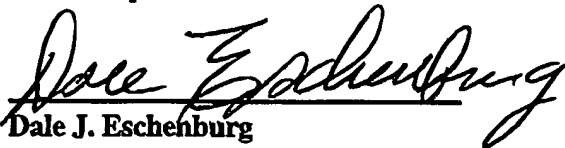
We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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